IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1-3 (cancelled)

4.   (currently amended) ~~The method in accordance with claim 3, further comprising:~~
A method to invoice users for information accessed using a communication network, comprising:

placing a first location in communication with a remote second location;

transferring designated information having at least one associated cost from the second location to the first location, wherein the transfer occurs prior to payment of the at least one associated cost being made for the information;

debiting the first location for the selected information after the selected information is transferred;

recording associated costs at the first location;

communicating recorded associated costs from the first location to a invoice location;

communicating a debit charge from the second location to the invoicing location after the selected information is transferred;

comparing the recorded debits from the first location with the debits charges from the second location;

generating an invoice; and

communicating the invoice to a party responsible for satisfaction of the invoice.

5.   (original) The method in accordance with claim 4, wherein at least the first location is a wireless communication device.

6.   (original) The method in accordance with claim 5, wherein the communication between the first location and the second location is routed via the Internet.

7.   (original) The method in accordance with claim 6, wherein the at least one associated cost comprises an information access debit and an each-use debit.

8. (currently amended) A method to invoice users for information accessed using a communication network, comprising:

placing a first location in communication with a remote second location;

loading a copy of designated information to the first location from the second location;

using the copy of the designated information at the first location; and

charging a debit to the first location each ~~time~~ <u>instance</u> the copy is used<u>, independently of the amount of time used</u>.

9. (original) The method in accordance with claim 8, further comprising:

storing the charges for each debit at the first location; and

transferring the charges to an invoicing location from the first location.

10. (original) The method in accordance with claim 9, further comprising:

charging a first debit to the first location for the copy of the designated information after the designated information has been downloaded.

11. (original) The method in accordance with claim 10, wherein at least the first location is a wireless communication device.

12. (original) The method in accordance with claim 11, wherein the second location is accessed via the Internet.

13. (original) The method in accordance with claim 12, wherein the selected information is an application program.

14. (currently amended) A method to invoice users for information accessed using a communication network, comprising:

placing a first location in communication with a second location, wherein the placing of the first location in communication with the second location has at least one associated cost;

loading a copy of designated information to the first location from the second location, wherein the loading of the copy from the second location to the first location has another at least one associated cost;

using the loaded copy of the designated information;

charging a debit to the first location each instance the copy is used at the first location, independently of the amount of time used;

storing all associated costs at the first location;

communicating all associated costs from the first location to an invoicing location;

generating an invoice; and

communicating the invoice to a party responsible for satisfaction of the invoice.

15.   (original) The method in accordance with claim 14, wherein the another at least one associated cost is zero, wherein using the copy of the designated information has an each-use associated cost, and wherein the each-use associated cost is incurred each time the designated information is used.

16.   (original) The method in accordance with claim 15, wherein the copy of the designated information is used at the first location.

Claim 17-19 (cancelled)

20.   (currently amended) ~~The apparatus in accordance with claim 19, the predetermined operational characteristics further comprising:~~

A digital signal processing apparatus to invoice users for information accessed using a communication network, comprising:

a digital signal processing unit accessible to a communications system:

a storage unit containing data communicatively coupled to the processing unit for establishing predetermined operational characteristics of the apparatus by:

placing a first location in communication with a remote second location;

transferring designated information having at least one associated cost from the second location to the first location, wherein the transfer occurs prior to payment of the at least one associated cost being made for the information; and

debiting the first location for the selected information after the selected information is transferred,

wherein establishing the predetermined operational characteristics comprises recording associated costs at the first location, communicating recorded associated costs from the first location to an invoicing location, communicating a debit from the second location to the invoicing location after the selected information is transferred, comparing the recorded debits from the first location with the recorded debits from the second location,[;] generating an invoice,[;] and communicating the invoice to a party responsible for satisfaction of the invoice.

Claim 21-28 (cancelled)

29.   (new) An apparatus to invoice users for information accessed using a communication network, comprising:

means for placing a first location in communication with a remote second location;

means for loading a copy of designated information to the first location from the second location;

means for using the copy of the designated information at the first location; and

means for charging a debit to the first location each time the copy is used.

30.   (new) A computer readable medium containing computer readable instructions that when executed perform a method to invoice users for information accessed using a communication, comprising the steps of:

placing a first location in communication with a remote second location;

loading a copy of designated information to the first location from the second

location;

using the copy of the designated information at the first location; and

charging a debit to the first location each time the copy is used.